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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office action is in responsive to Applicant's amendment filed March 17, 2005.

Claims 1-10 have been canceled. New claims 11-22 have been added.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 11-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 11, line 11, "the pushbutton unit" lacks antecedent basis, "can be" is indefinite; line 15, "the rotary switch".

In claim 12, is "a rotary switch" in this claim the same switch as the rotary switch mention in claim 11? If it is, it should be recited as "the" or "said" rotary switch.

In claim 13, line 2, "the inserted pushbutton" lacks antecedent basis.

In claim 14, line 3, "the push button" lacks antecedent basis.

In claim 15, line 4 and line 6, "the push button" lacks antecedent basis; line 7, "the on-board rotary ignition lock" lacks antecedent basis; line 8, "the rotary switch" lacks antecedent basis.

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Claim 16, line 2, "can be" is indefinite, line 4, "the release switch" and "the one-board rotary ignition lock" lack antecedent basis.

Claim 19, line 2, "the pushbutton" lacks antecedent basis.

Claim 20, line 2, "the actuating element" lacks antecedent basis.

Claim 21 and 22, what is a "receptable" on line 2?

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Sugawara, US 2004/0083374 A1.

Giesler, US Patent No. 6,992,565.

Kumazaki et al., US Patent No. 6,832,151.

Okada et al., US Patent No. 6,816,081.

Anzai et al., US Patent No. 6,271,745.

Lee, US Patent No. 3,618,008.

Ghabra et al., US 2005/0023901 A1.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Julie Lieu whose telephone number is 571-272-2978. The examiner can normally be reached on MaxiFlex.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel Wu can be reached on 571-272-2964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Lieu', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Julie Lieu
Primary Examiner
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